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TOPIC Soviet Troops in St. Poelten

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DATE PREPARED 11 June 1954

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REMARKS _____

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1. On 11 May 1954, two sedans _____ were seen in front of the former Kreisgericht (district court) building in St. Poelten (O 49/W 88), which was guarded by a sentry wearing black-bordered red epaulets. Four trucks _____ were parked in front of the closed garages west of the former Kreisgericht building. These garages were guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. Soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets, eight of whom sorted round timber, one ponton carrier, two amphibian jeeps and one tank truck were observed in the Eugen Kaserne. In the Rainer Kaserne, 4 trucks, 2 tank trucks and 3 jeeps were observed in the open and 16 motor vehicles were seen in those garages which were open. Four soldiers rereeled telephone wire in the yard of Franz Josef Kaserne. Motor vehicles observed at the gate of the installation, which was guarded by a sentry wearing black-bordered black epaulets, included sedan _____

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25X1 _____ with red-bordered black epaulets; and drivers with black-bordered black epaulets. Local residents said minor troop shipments had left St. Poelten during the last days. Fresh scratches caused by tank tracks were observed on the paved approach to the loading ramp at the railroad station. Two T-34/85 tanks, 2 armored scout cars, 8 trucks, 3 tank trucks and 2 jeeps were observed in the section of Camp Smetzger occupied by _____

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2. On 5 May 1954, 2 majors wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. 1 major wearing black-bordered black epaulets, and trucks _____ all drivers with red-bordered black epaulets, were observed at the Birago Kaserne in Melk (O 49/W 68), which was guarded by a sentry who wore red-bordered black epaulets. Five trucks were parked in the yard of the installation. Jeep _____ whose driver wore red-bordered black epaulets and which was parked in front of the installation, was occupied by an officer wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia. The jeep left toward St. Poelten.

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Comment. The present report from St. Poelten contains no new information. The motor-vehicle [redacted] at the two stations, [redacted] belongs to the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, and the [redacted] seen parked in front of the former Kreisgericht building in St. Poelten, belongs to the Central Group of Forces. It is believed that, as indicated by local residents, component units of the troops of the 95th Gds Mtz Rifle Div, which are stationed at St. Poelten, had moved to a summer camp on the Doellersheim training grounds for record practices or maneuvers.

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